## artdaq - Feature #20632

## Improve the error reporting from conftool.py

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## Description

Here is a Slack posting from one of our protoDUNE DAQ collaborators:

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the new fake configuration are now throwing an error when exported
why I have no clue
it is
np04_WibsFake_Ssps00041
it you want to try
no error in the import
export fails
```Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "/nfs/sw/artdaq/products/artdaq_database/v1_04_54/slf7.x86_64.e14.s50.prof/bin/conftool.py"
, line 610, in <module>
   result = thefunc(*sys.argv[2:len(args[0]) + 2]) if args else thefunc()
 File "/nfs/sw/artdaq/products/artdaq_database/v1_04_54/slf7.x86_64.e14.s50.prof/bin/conftool.py"
, line 393, in exportConfiguration
   return __exportConfiguration(config)
 File "/nfs/sw/artdaq/products/artdaq_database/v1_04_54/slf7.x86_64.e14.s50.prof/bin/conftool.py"
, line 327, in __exportConfiguration
   path = cfg[collection] if cfg[collection] in include_dirs else __get_prefix(config)
IndexError: tuple index out of range```
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This (and other) errors should do a better job of explaining what went wrong.

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